

Thermo-Mechanical Modeling and Analysis for Turbopump Assemblies

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Outline

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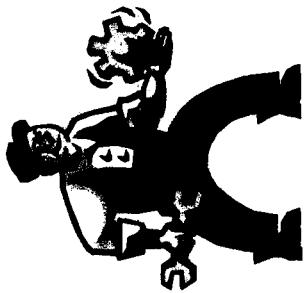


Project Support

- NASA SBIR, through TD61
- Spin-off to IHPRPT
- Spin-off to industry



Space Transportation Directorate
TD61, Functional Design Group,
Turbo-machinery



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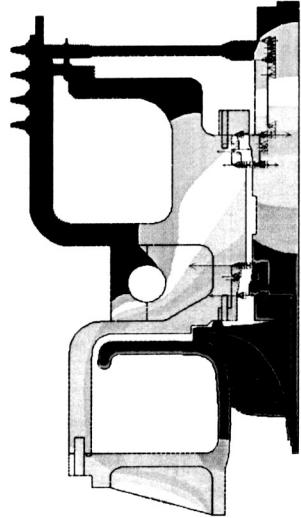
Technical Need

- Life, reliability, and cost are strongly impacted by steady and transient thermo-mechanical effects
- Design cycle can suffer big setbacks when working a transient stress / deflection issue
- Balance between objectives and constraints is always difficult
- Requires assembly-level analysis early in the design cycle



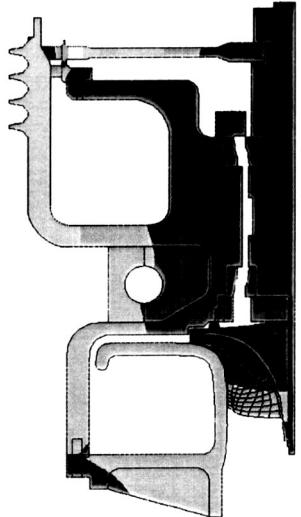
Technical Need – Operating Point

Temperature



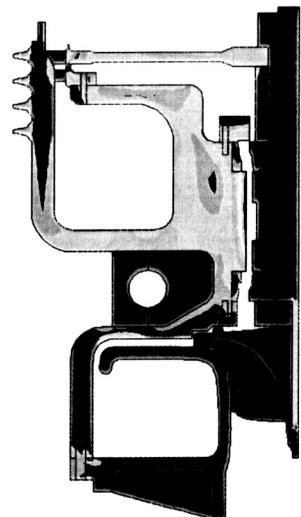
Absolute temperature
limits and thermal gradient
limitations

Displacement



Critical clearances, fits,
and gaps

Stress

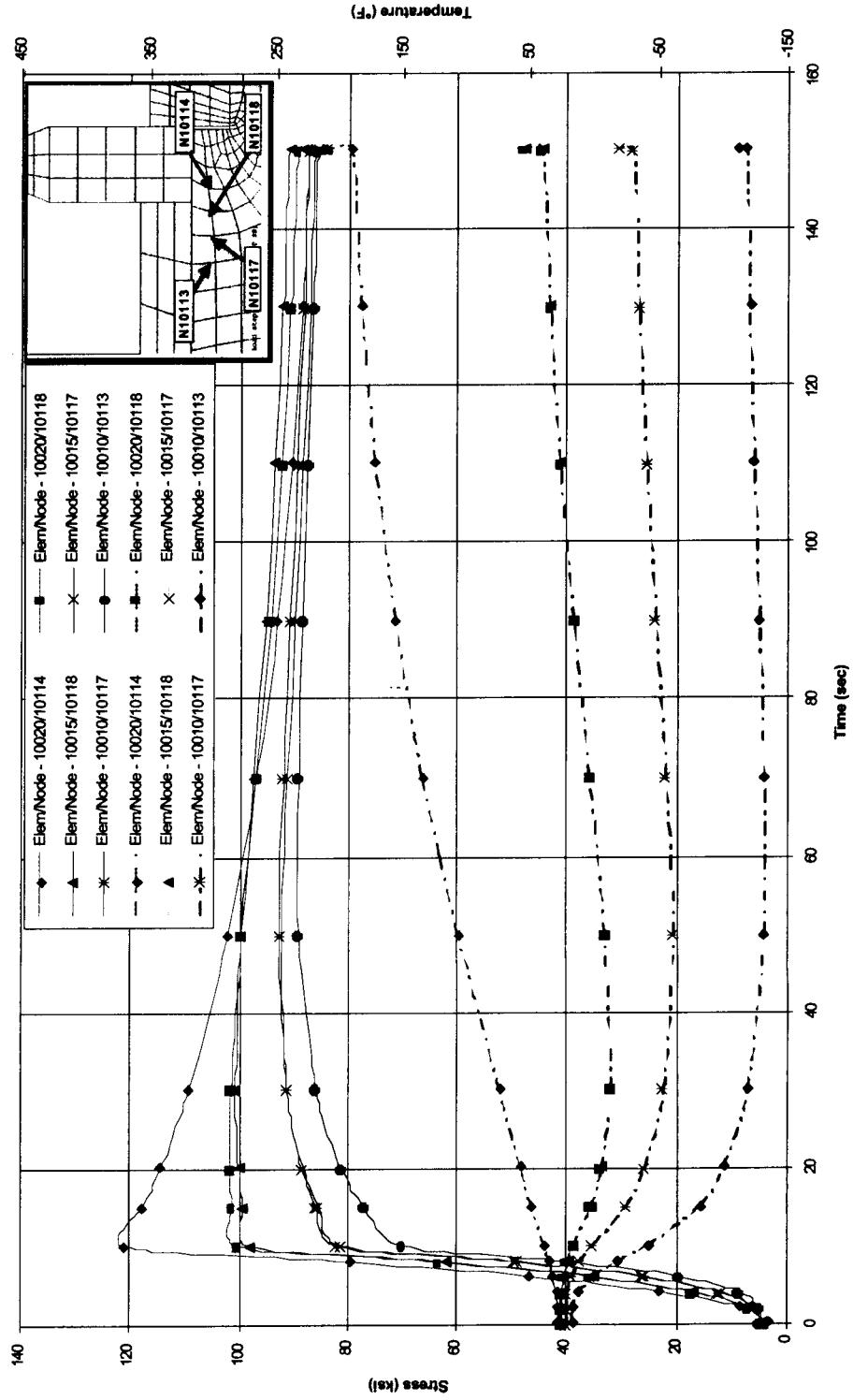


Stress margins, LCF
life, HCF margin,
preloads



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Technical Need - Transient



Project Goals

- Develop thermo-mechanical modeling software tools
 - Push thermo-mechanical modeling earlier in the design process
 - Reduce cost and risk of designs
 - Improve life and reliability of propulsion systems
- Integrate existing tools
 - Improve the design process
 - Open system for 3rd party software



Technical Approach

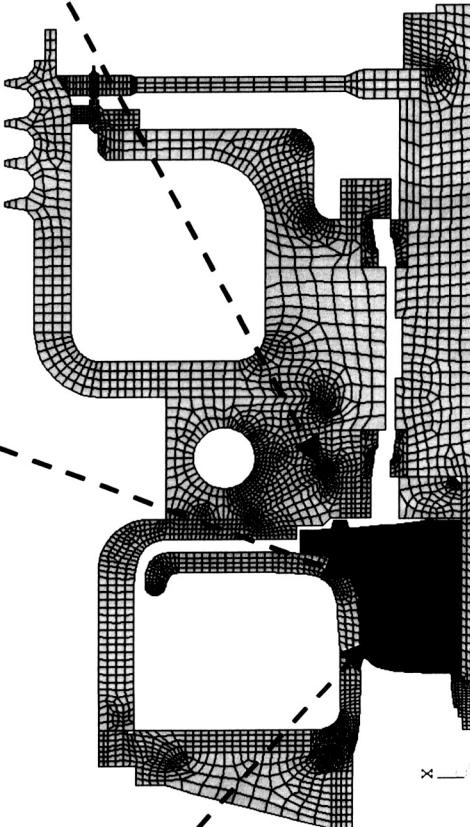
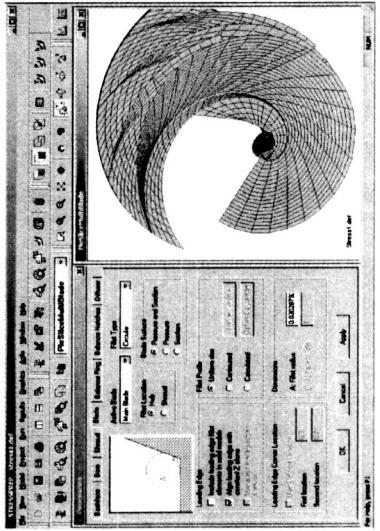
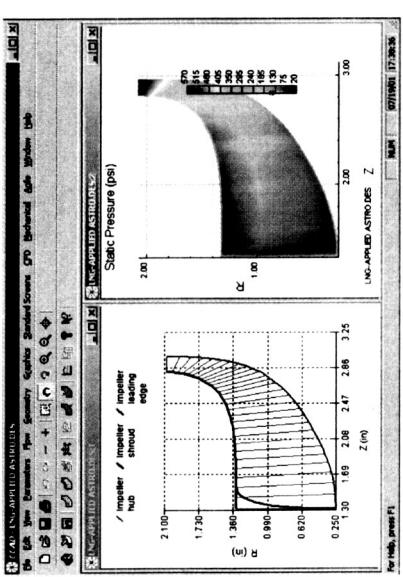
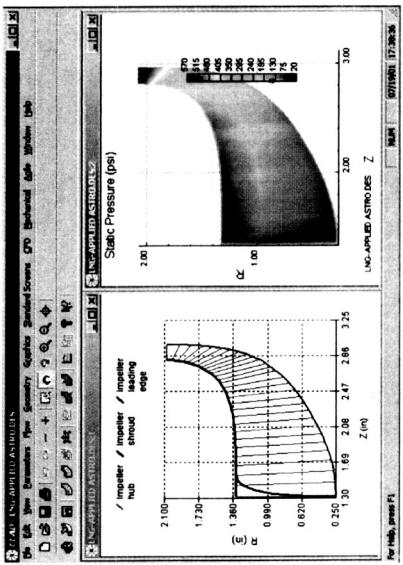
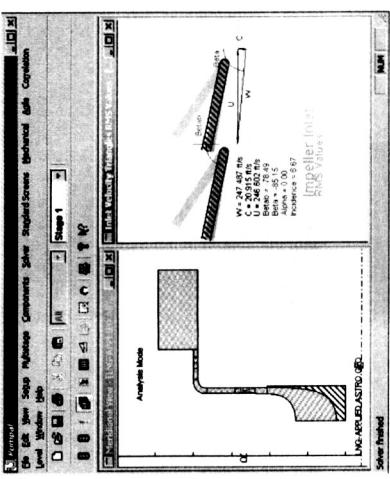
- Design data and results flow from component analysis tools to the assembly model
- Software operates in a collaborative environment
 - Data-centric approach to multi-disciplinary analysis
 - XML provides flexible open data format
- Integrate with CAD data
 - Parasolid kernel
- Integrate with multi-disciplinary optimizer



Data Flow to Assembly

Meanline

3D Blading & CFD



Stress & Vibration

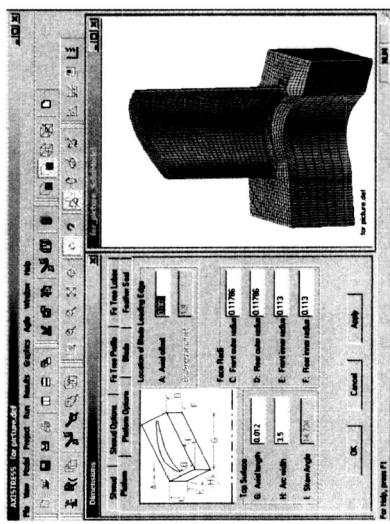
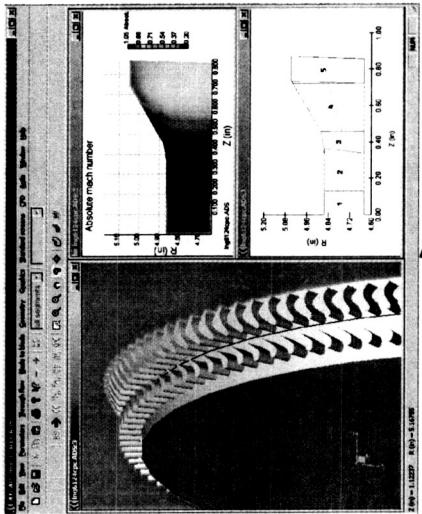
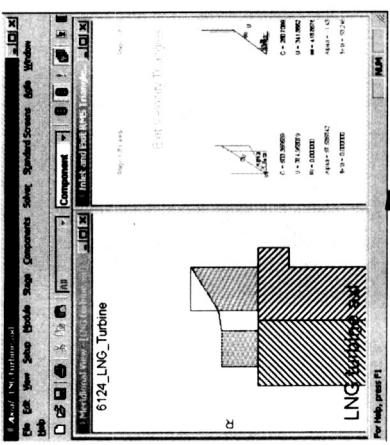
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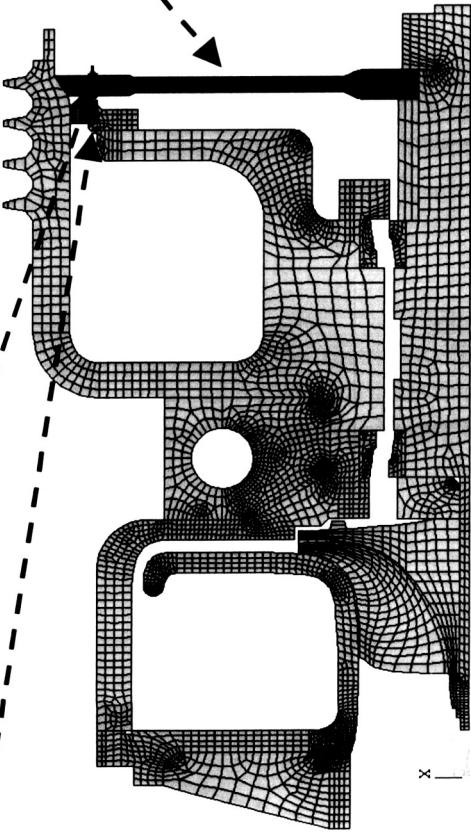
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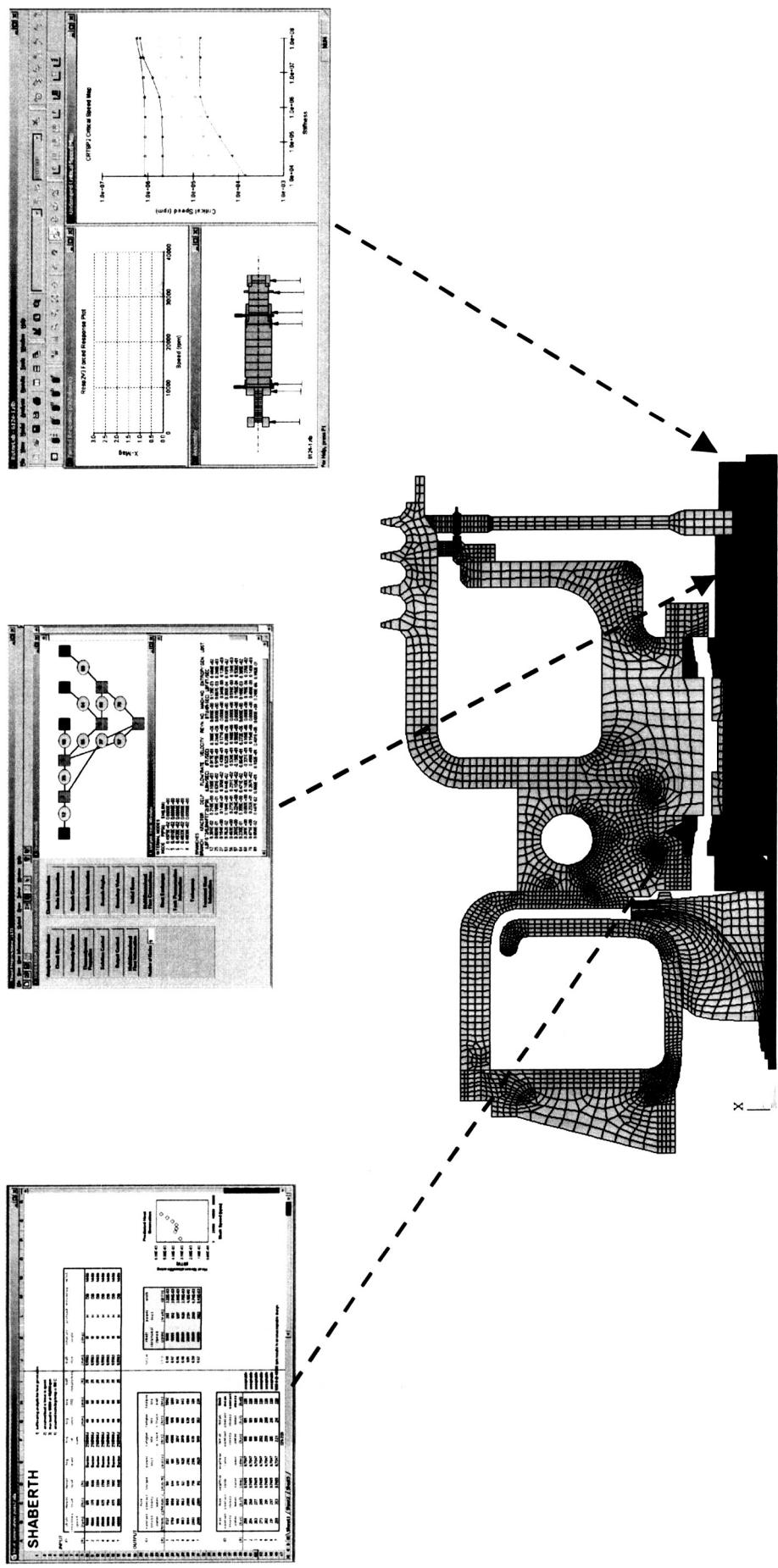


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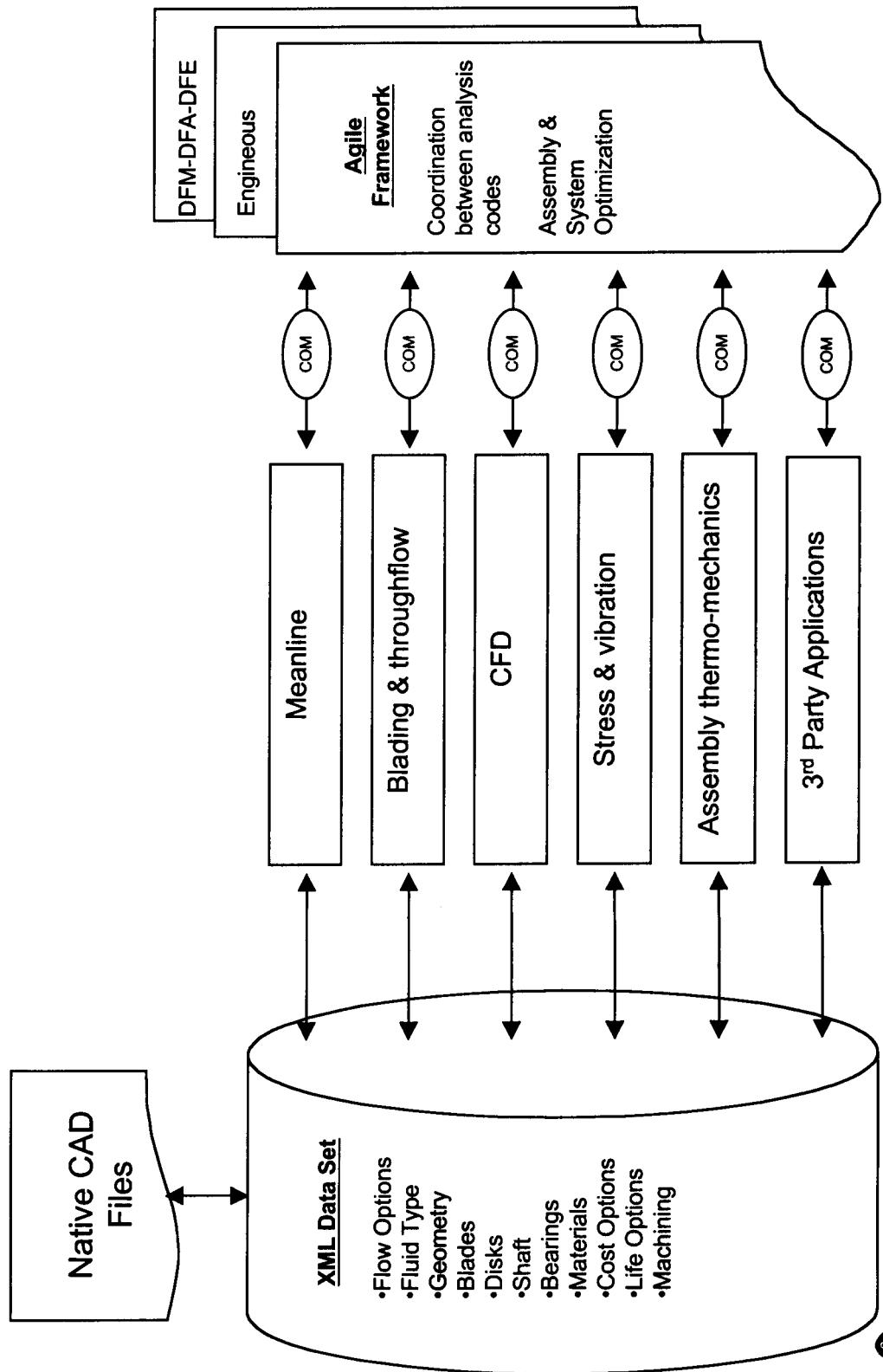


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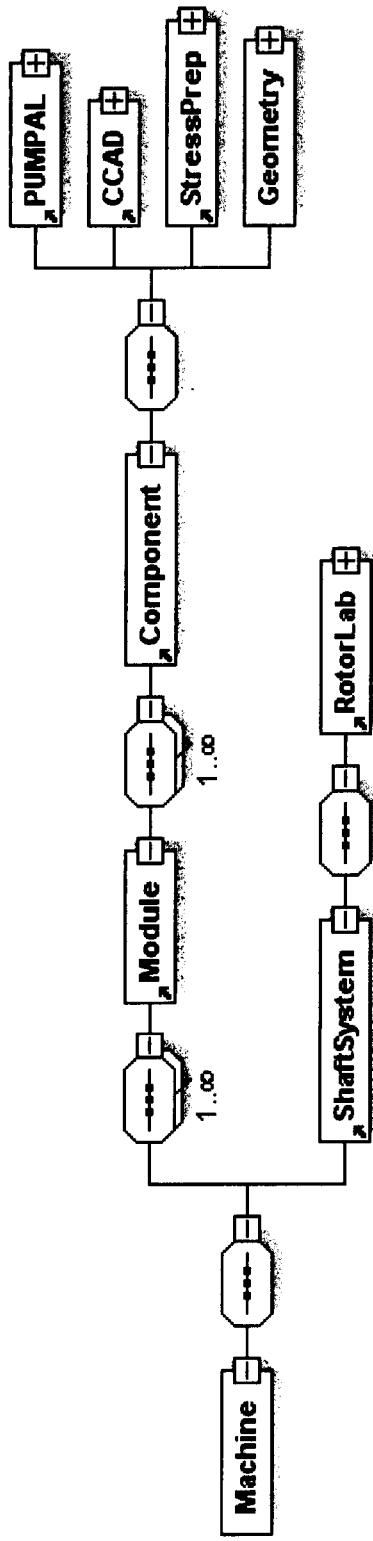
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Data-Centric Organization



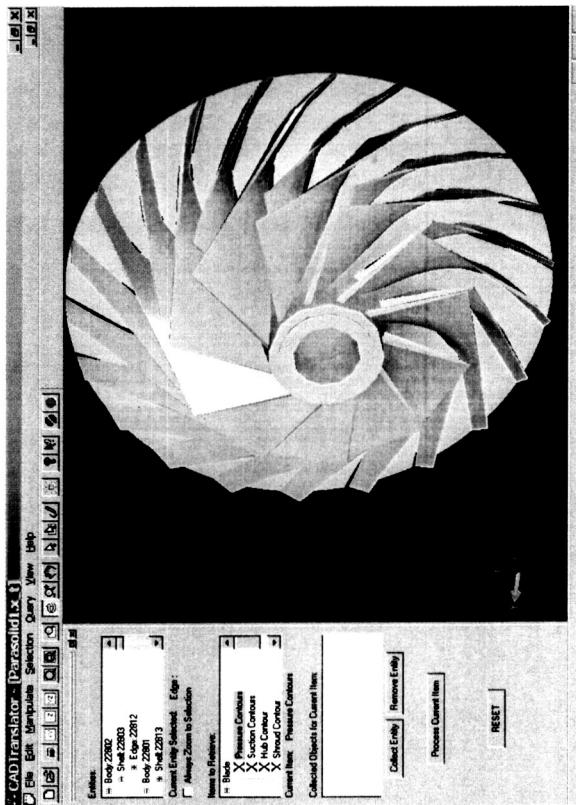
XML Data Set



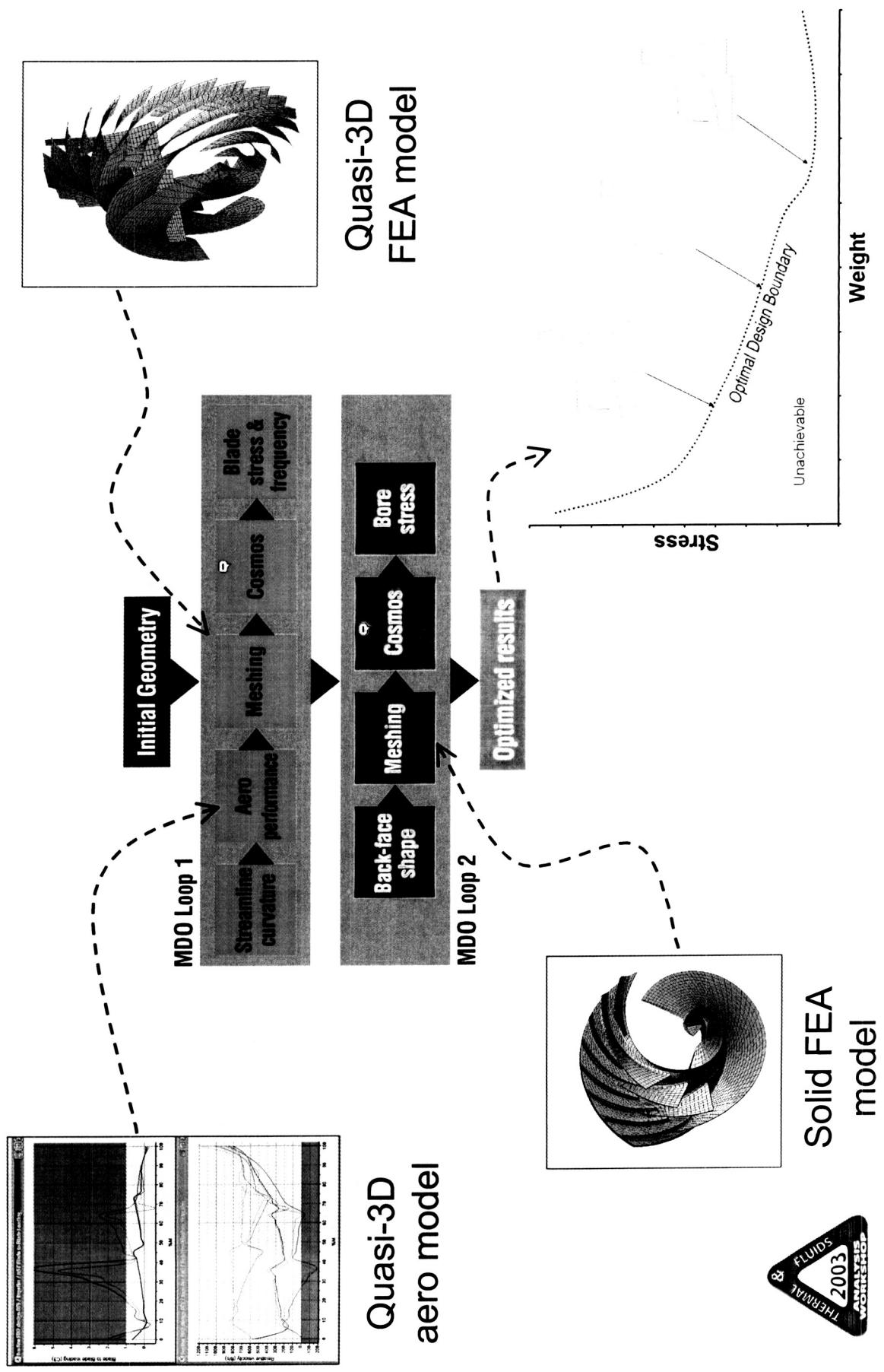
- Flexible, recursive data tree stores geometry, modeling parameters, and results from different disciplines.
- XML provides robust open technology for data sharing
 - Format is self-descriptive and self-checking
 - Growing supply of XML tools for C++, Java, Perl, Python

CAD Integration

- Import/export of CAD files can be time consuming and error prone.
- Individual tools can become segregated from design data flow (more time lost in the design cycle).
- Using Parasolid geometry kernel from EDS Unigraphics:
 - Robust geometry functions for curves, surfaces, volumes
 - Read native files from Unigraphics
 - Use IGES for other CAD systems



Multi-Disciplinary Optimization



Conclusion

- Software tool integration will push thermo-mechanical modeling upstream in the design process
- Open format data-centric approach has many advantages for sharing design data and results
- CAD integration provides a crucial link the the design process
- Software integration enables automated multi-disciplinary design trades

